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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms barely steady to weak. Limited sales of open priced hens and toms for December traded. Demand uneven. Supplies of hens and toms adequate. Parts and meats trading slow with trading centered on 15-20% mechanically separated turkey and frozen destrapped tenders.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light and centered on tom drums. Demand ranged light to good. Most interest noted on frozen thigh meat going to Mexico, balance of items slow. Offerings adequate for trade needs, except frozen thigh meat.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 06, 2001**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-73	72-73	72.67	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65.5-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	DEC
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	DEC

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF DEC 07, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	71.13	72.79	76.17
CENTRAL REGION	69.29	74.15	74.58
WESTERN REGION	72.19	74.00	74.70**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	62.00	65.00	67.75
CENTRAL REGION	60.71	64.60**	65.64
WESTERN REGION	61.67	65.00	65.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	98-107
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	98-107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	79
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	70-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	73-78

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	87-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	93-101

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 10-DEC-2001

	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	87.03	458	80.58	277
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	87.03	458	80.58	277
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)****SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

OCTOBER	507,593*
NOVEMBER 1-30, 2001	448,647*
To date 2001	4,827,402*
To date 2000	4,923,873*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 01-Dec-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

-----YOUNG TURKEYS-----				TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG		OLD	AVG
		CHG	LIVE		BANDED	LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-		WT
N EAST	887	91	22.92	(A)	890	22.92
SATL	1,008	117	27.78	(A)	1,011	27.78
N CENT	2,200	58	29.51	(A)	2,203	29.51
S CENT	405	82	23.86	(A)	408	23.86
WEST	368	30	23.88	(A)	371	23.88
U.S.TOTAL	4,868(B)	72	26.98	15	4,883	26.98
TO DATE						
2001	232,117(B)			553	232,670	
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2000	236,366(B)			1,218	237,584	
(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.						

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(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 52,000; for the year 2,188,000; last year to date 1,600,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 01-Dec-2001

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	2,146	2,670	52	15	4,883
AVG WT	15.51	36.22	25.13	28.96	26.98
LAST WEEK	1,131	1,699	28	2	2,860
SAME WK YR AGO	2,415	3,014	68	13	5,510
AVG WT	15.72	34.20	24.84	27.87	25.97
TO-DATE/2001	97,249	132,680	2,188	553	232,670
TO-DATE/2000	234,766(A)		1,600	1,218	237,584

(A) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 6 DECEMBER 2001.

Trade sentiment was steady to instances weak on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins. Demand light to instances fair. Some industry members have indicated that tom breast meat offerings are starting to become better balanced while others still find plentiful offerings and a willingness to negotiate by some processors. Export demand continued active on thigh meat with most offerings held in firm hands. Demand on the balance of items for export ranged light to fair. Trading was light for both domestic and export shipments. Fresh 15-20% mechanically separated turkey traded at 7 cents delivered for pet foods and tom defatted gizzards at 42.50 cents delivered domestic. Offerings of bulk parts were mostly available with tom parts more abundant than hen. Hen 2-joint wing offerings were starting to increase in availability resulting in an increased willingness by some processors to negotiate.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	76
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	96.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	32.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	29.00		29.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	38.00		38.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	35.00		35.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	30.50	13
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	50.00		50.00	20
NECKS, TOM	35.00		35.00	20
NECKS, HEN		M	29.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	132.60	100
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	143.50		143.50	80
THIGH MEAT		T	76.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	71.50	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT	122.00-125.00		123.80	200
SCAPULA MEAT		T	125.00	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	130.00-131.00		130.23	104
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	82.00		82.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	14.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.50-29.75		29.55	102
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	26.67	156
TAILS		W	28.17	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00-15.00		13.32	248
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	76.00-80.00		78.29	280

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The undertone on bulk parts ranged from steady at best on drums and tails to barely steady to instances weak on the balance of items. Domestic demand was slow for current shipments. Export demand ranged light to instances fair. Some industry members are watching with interest the increased export trading being noted for Russia on various broiler items for January shipments. Domestic trading centered on moderately light volumes of fresh 15-20% mechanically separated turkey and frozen destrapped tenderloins, balance slow. Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts traded at 98.75 cents delivered January, Grade A non-basted 12-14 lb. breasts 110 and plant grade basted 18-20 lb. breasts 105 cents delivered current. Export trading centered on a fair volume of tom drums, balance light.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	76	154.00	76
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	96.00	80	96.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00-32.00		30.67	129	30.72	134
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	30.00		30.00	80	30.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	29.00		29.00	40	29.85	130
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	38.00	20	38.35	31
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	35.00	20	35.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00-31.00		30.45	55	30.45	55
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	50.00	20	50.00	20
NECKS, TOM	34.00-36.00		35.41	17	34.54	81
NECKS, HEN		M	29.00	12	29.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	143.50-145.00		144.25	80	143.19	320
THIGH MEAT	80.00		80.00	8	76.67	48
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	78.00		78.00	20	78.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	123.00		123.00	12	123.79	252
SCAPULA MEAT	122.00		122.00	24	124.31	104
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	117.00-121.00		117.67	240	117.67	240
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	128.00-130.00		129.43	140	129.80	284
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	81.00		81.00	30	81.67	90
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	15.00	40	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00-15.00		14.49	390	14.40	1,006
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00		29.00	456	29.17	774
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.50		27.50	104	27.00	260
TAILS		W	28.17	120	28.42	172
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00-15.50		14.50	200	13.97	540
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	80.00		80.00	160	79.21	960

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